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The tantrums of Oasis's Liam Gallagher were surprisingly upstaged by his brother Noel yesterday PHOTOGRAPH ANDREW TESTA

## US throws ring of steel around Iraq

**Martin Walker in Washington and Ian Black in London**

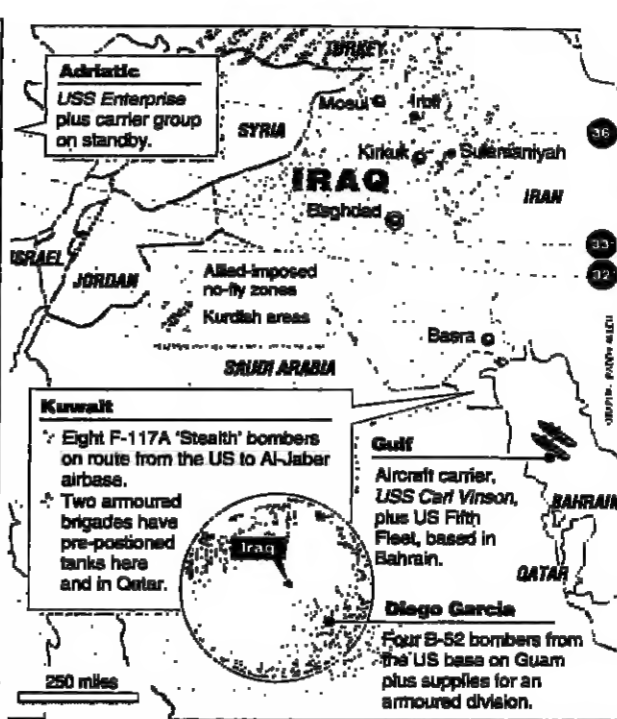
**T**HE United States hurriedly threw a military ring of steel around Iraq yesterday as a prelude to an expected, large American assault while the Clinton administration fought a war of words with President Saddam Hussein.

As threats and counter-threats flew, the Pentagon was formulating against all possible Iraqi reprisals, ranging from a ground assault on Kuwait to a Scud missile attack on Israel. The US reinforced Patriot missile defences in Kuwait, sent additional fighter-bombers to the Gulf and alerted a second aircraft carrier task force.

After Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi deputy prime minister, denounced Kuwait for allowing US bombers to use its bases, Washington reaffirmed its commitment to defend the emirate, and wider Western oil and strategic interests in the Gulf.

"Everyone should understand that the US will take all necessary and appropriate action to protect our forces and our interests in that area," said William Perry, the defence secretary. "We are in the process of moving even more forces there to protect those interests."

While maintaining a drumbeat of resolution to challenge President Saddam after the loss of Kurdistan to a pro-Baghdad faction, US officials admitted that the northern



rael, unequivocal support for Washington was unlikely.

But US sources insisted that Mr Clinton had little choice. "Saddam is very unpredictable so all the pieces are being put in place to deal with any possible response," said a well-placed US source.

Latest intelligence reports show mostly routine Iraqi activity in the south. But the most likely risk to Kuwait is from a Scud attack, with 16 missiles in Iraq's arsenal unaccounted for by United Nations inspectors. Israel and Saudi Arabia could also be exposed.

US air strikes could begin at the weekend. Two hundred and fifty cruise missiles are on the ships of the Fifth fleet.

The Stealth bombers left Holloman Air Force base in New Mexico yesterday on their 20-hour flight to Kuwait.

In Washington, political pressures mounted sharply on Mr Clinton yesterday, with what seemed like a coordinated attack by the Republican vice-presidential candidate Jack Kemp, the retired general Colin Powell and the former secretary of state James Baker.

"The president is going to have to make a clear distinction between supporting our forces and any other action that could involve us more fully," Gen Powell said.

Mr Baker, testifying before Congress, spoke of "a defeat for US policy in the region, a failure of US leadership," and Mr Kemp accused Mr Clinton of emboldening President Saddam with "vague and uncertain foreign policy".

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## Noel walks out definitely, and maybe it's all over for Oasis

**David Ward**

**O**ASIS split shock" (or was it "Oasis shock split") said the black letter bill on a stand in Market Street presided over by Kevin Barnes, the loudest news vendor in Manchester.

His cry of "Late final!" set trembling buildings even the IRA could not budge. But his howlings were drowned by the squeals of anguish uttered by the Fallsword Collective when they were caught up with the tragedy which had overwhelmed the city.

Liam Gallagher leaving Oasis is as common as strong lager and stronger language but this time it was serious. The singer's brother Noel, aged 29, the band's songwriter and resident genius, walked out on Britain's most successful group of the 1990s and flew home yesterday.

The whispers were aimed



They had seen Manchester's finest at Knebworth, Loch Lamond and Maine Road (twice). "Best band in the world. We're totally mad for it," they insisted. "This stuff about the split - it's just the papers. Doesn't mean it's happening does it? It's not true. They're always arguing. They'll last as long as the Beatles. Longer."

Creation, the band's record company, issued a statement worthy of a grand prix racing team: "Oasis have had internal difficulties on their ninth tour of America, which has resulted in the tour being pulled two-thirds of the way through. It is unlikely that immediate touring commitments will be fulfilled."

Or, put another way: first Liam, aged 23, missed the

opening night in Chicago so he could go house-hunting in London; then he spat, swore and split beer at the MTV awards in New York; now Noel has left after a five-hour row during a band meeting in north Carolina.

Banned in the band's hometown, shopper Greg Hollins glanced at Mr Barnes's newswall. "I see that every time I come to Manchester," he snorted. "Oasis are a bunch of arrogant gits. I like their albums but I don't like their attitude. They're cocky. At first, they were a new thing with a new image. But it became repetitive - sticking the Vs up at concerts, spitting beer at the crowd. We've seen it all before."

Outside HMV, Ros Manley, aged 17, agreed: "There are plenty of bands around who are just as good. They are too commercial - they sold out."

Angharad Jackson, who works in Waterstone's, said: "They are really boring. They are ugly and chauvinist. I don't like the spitting and the new lad image."

Mr Barnes was still shouting his wares. How did he feel about the demise of Manchester's cultural lions? "I'll sob when I go to bed tonight," he suggested as he cleared his throat in another bid to reach 100 decibels.

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## Mortgages: the next Tory scare

**Larry Elliott Economics Editor**

**ICM poll**

**T**HE Conservatives are planning to raise the stakes in the pre-election dogfight over the economy with an autumn offensive designed to scare homeowners that mortgage rates will rise under Labour.

With the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, telling backbenchers that the poor state of the Government's finances leaves him little scope for big tax cuts in the budget, ministers intend to switch the focus of their political attack to interest rates.

The strategy depends on keeping base rates at around their current level of 5.75 per cent, a task made easier by the weakness of inflation. Figures released by the Office for National Statistics yesterday showed the annual rate of price increases falling slightly to 2.1 per cent.

One senior minister admitted that the recent campaign on tax could not be sustained for seven months until a spring election, and that the Government would now be stressing the risks posed by Labour to mortgage rates, currently at a 30-year low.

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Gretna couples miss the green



Peter Hetherington

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Party back to 15-point advantage, up three, dashing Tory hopes of maintaining summer revival

Labour restores poll lead

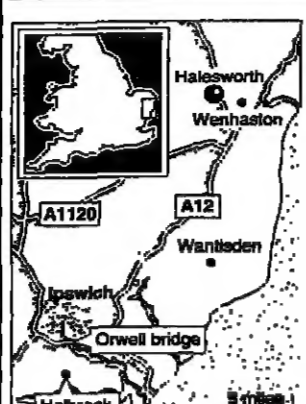
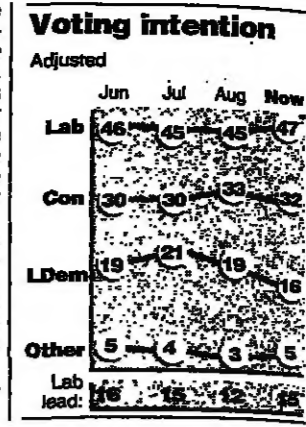
CONSERVATIVE hopes that the Government's summer recovery would continue...

On the unadjusted figures — which take no account of voters' reluctance to admit to supporting the Conservatives...

These results interrupt the strong momentum which the Conservatives have established in the polls since the spring...

The principal losers are the Liberal Democrats, whose ratings have fallen for the second successive month...

ICM interviewed a random sample of 1,200 adults by telephone on September 6 and 7...



Suicides in quiet area of Suffolk leave parents anxious and police investigating possible paedophile ring



The High Street in Halesworth, Suffolk, where choirmaster Christopher Barnett lived and was regarded as 'a great bloke'

Review

Muted debut for Hallé's new hall

Andrew Clements

Eight years after the city council gave the go-ahead, and less than four since building work began...

cially in the final pages of Walton's Belshazzar's Feast that ended the programme...

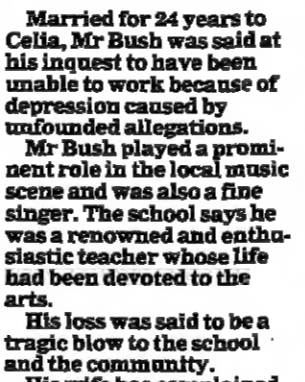
Indecency inquiry spreads to 19 choirs

Alan Watkins

POLICE and social services are to question members of 19 choirs following the separate suicides of a choirmaster and pianist...



ADRIAN BUSH was a career teacher specialising in music, latterly at the Royal Hospital independent grammar school, Holbrook, near Ipswich...



CHRISTOPHER BARNETT, who was born in the West Midlands, had two ruling passions — snooker and music...

Married for 24 years to Celia, Mr Bush was said at his inquest to have been unable to work because of depression caused by unfounded allegations...

He had strong connections with the Royal School of Church Music and acted as a singing course director for them on several occasions...

contribution to the lives of many children. Another parent, Joseph Buttle, said: "I regard Mr Barnett as one of the most talented and remarkable people I have ever met..."

Deepening budget crisis sees BBC World Service Asia show axed after 20-year run

THE BBC World Service has axed its first programme in a fresh round of cuts caused by its deepening budget crisis...

House headquarters, who have been campaigning to halt the merger of its English language and news programmes with the BBC's domestic departments...

Office minister, Jeremy Hanley, next week. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and Sir Christopher Bland, the BBC's chairman, are to discuss the group's report next month...

dropped by 15 per cent in real terms since 1993/94. "When you look at the service's income, some hard decisions have to be made..."

Mr Younger is expected to launch a campaign opposing cuts in Foreign Office grant-in-aid in the run up to November's budget...

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Oasis in a musical desert on the day the music died — at least for the moment

- Oasis sold 2 million copies of their first album, *Definitely Maybe*, and 8 million of their second, *(What's The Story) Morning Glory?*, generating £24 million.
- Apart from the Gallagher brothers, Liam and Noel, there are three other members: bassist Paul McGuigan, guitarist Paul "Bonehead" Arthurs and drummer Alan White.
- Their first gig was in October 1992, but it was two years before they hit the big time with their first single, *Supersonic*.
- Five per cent of the population applied for tickets to their Knebworth concert, only 0.4 per cent succeeding.
- Their rivalry with fellow Britpoppers Blur is notorious; Noel has expressed the hope that Blur's singer and bass player "die of Aids". (Blur pipped Oasis to No. 1 in 1995 when they released singles on the same day.)
- At one point this year, all their nine singles were in the charts.
- Former drummer Tony McCarroll is suing after being sacked for "incompetence".
- Oasis's endorsement brought the work of Burt Bacharach to a new generation.
- Their shambolic dress sense is influential: shops have reported a run on Hush Puppies and anoraks.
- There is another Gallagher brother, Paul. He manages another, less successful band.



Brothers in arms... Liam (left) and Noel Gallagher, who gave the band its front and its engine respectively

Hard times for the brothers grim

Noel wanted to be as popular as U2, Liam was more like Sid Vicious  
 Nick Varley on the conflicts that have dogged Britain's most popular band

ON THE night Nirvana's Kurt Cobain died, a fledgling group took to the stage in front of barely 100 people in a small club in the North-east. Only the support band (appearing for £125 and some beer), Oasis made little impression as they wandered on. That changed minutes later when singer Liam Gallagher sneered a dedication to the late figurehead of grunge: "This one's for Kurt Cobain," he said. Oasis played *Live For Ever*.

The frontman, whose antics have created more headlines than the previous generation of British bands, was away. The king was dead, long live the king. Not Liam, the clown prince, the image, the charismatic frontman, but his brother Noel, the songwriter. It was Noel and, however unlikely it sounds, his work ethic which made Oasis Britain's most successful band of the '90s. From the day he joined Liam's band he took over, determined for success — and, unlike many artists, he was prepared to graft for it.

Graham Ramsay, promoter of the night at Middlebrough Arena, remembers: "They had a band policy of putting themselves around the venue after the show, mixing with fans. That night the four other than Noel were too tired after the previous night and went back to their hotel, but he still stayed around and he was so apologetic about them leaving. He must have said sorry about six times."

By last month, when they played to 250,000 people at Knebworth, Liam's every movement was subject to media scrutiny: his on-off

romance with Patsy Kensit, his drug use, his loutish behaviour.

Always in contrast to such rock'n'roll excess was Noel's ambition, born when he was a guitar roddie for Inspiral Carpets. He used his time touring with them to learn the workings of the music business, accumulate contacts and discover those he wanted to work with when his chance came.

That was in 1992 when he joined Rain, Liam's band, demanding one condition: commitment. Since then it has been unbroken success — a hit with their first single, top 10 with their third, the fastest selling debut album in British pop history, followed by the fastest selling album of the '90s with their second.

Tensions between fast-living Liam and fast-talking Noel were never far from the surface. Noel once said the band's security guards were employed primarily to keep the brothers apart. He also said: "Liam is always leaving the band. It's raining today, so he's leaving the band 'cos it's raining."

But when Noel leaves, it's serious. Former manager Ian Robertson said last night: "He takes a great deal but generally speaking he'll walk away and go to his room."

Not that he hasn't quit before. On an American tour in 1995 the antics of the band became too much. The commitment had gone, so Noel went too — for a week on his own with £5,000 of the tour float and a solo return to Britain.

Reconciliation was swift. Robertson would not be surprised if the same happens again. "I would bet on it but when I don't know — maybe not some time soon."



Patsy Kensit... romance on again, off again

**Brotherly love**

**Noel on Liam:** "Liam's always leaving the band. It's raining today so he's leaving the band 'cos it's raining."

**Liam on Noel:** "I f\*\*\*\*\*g hate that twat there, I f\*\*\*\*\*g hate him. And one day I hope I can smash f\*\*\*\*\*g out of him with a f\*\*\*\*\*g Rickenbacker right on his head."

Perhaps when Liam "grows up", to use Noel's words. "The law of averages says he can't go on being a knob for the rest of his life."

For if there's one thing a perfectionist hates it's the uncontrollable.

Noel wants to be as popular as U2. When he walked out last time, he told the other four they could be the new U2 or the Sex Pistols. Liam's problem is that all too often he appears to be heading towards the new Sid Vicious. Noel is Johnny Rotten and Malcolm McLaren rolled into one.

**Jonathan Freedland on the band's 'last stand'**

THEY began with Hello, but they never said goodbye. The several thousand young Washingtonians who had gathered under the stars a couple of nights ago didn't seem to mind.

They were quite content to see Liam, Noel and the boys stomping off after the cover version of I am the Walrus. No one in the crowd realised they were witnessing a piece of history: Oasis's last stand.

All right, it wasn't exactly the last stand. That — if rumours of Oasis's death are not greatly exaggerated — came on Wednesday in Charlotte, North Carolina. Tuesday's show at the open air Nissan Pavilion in Virginia may not have been the ultimate performance, but it was the penultimate one, and that counts for something.

The event had a strange charge even before it began. The Nissan Pavilion is in the middle of nowhere and the sight of thousands of cars and kids — their necks glowing with fluorescent necklaces — heading for the distant mountain of lights was like an outbreak from *Close Encounters*.

The spectacle and the empty night sky should have dwarfed Oasis. Liam was dressed, as usual, like a Salford teenager waiting for a bus: brown jacket zipped to the top, T-shirt hanging out in front. The rest looked no more stellar than a bunch of mates having a round. But then the mega-TV screens concentrated on Liam's face, bent, as usual, in an unshaven sneer at the Nissan Pavilion. And he looked massive.

The critics had been unkind on this benighted US tour, which began with Liam buffing out of Heathrow and ended with Noel catching an early flight home. The New York Times described Oasis as a "wired bundle of apathy and hubris", concluding that "Few bands put out as little and expect as much as this one did."

This was always Oasis's problem in America. When they first came to Washington in late 1994, they struggled to fill the 930 Club, a glorified pub. A year later they played a larger hall, in Baltimore. By then they were huge in Britain, but still a mere cult band in America. The result was incongruity: Liam strutted and paced like a surly rock star, but the audience didn't think he'd earned the right.

By Tuesday, he'd earned it all right and Liam sulked and preened to his heart's content. Violating Virginia's strict rules against public drinking, he knocked back the beer and sat on one of the stage speakers, swinging his legs like a moody brat.

Noel was a different story. When Liam and the lads took a break, leaving him alone with his acoustic guitar, the crowd warmed instantly. His soft versions of *Whatever* and *Wonderwall* delighted the Americans, who slipped instantly into ballad mode, popping open their lighters and swaying.

There is a ravenous appetite for tuneful, soppy songs in the US and a post-Oasis Noel could find a ready audience here.

Maybe that's what explains the pleased smile he allowed himself at the end of his three-song session, after he had sung loud and clear: "I'm free to do whatever I want."

Kids in Washington will be thinking of the unwitting poignancy of Liam belting out "Maybe I just want to breathe, maybe I just don't believe, You and I are gonna live forever".

That memory will make a decent souvenir. Although now I'm kicking myself. I should have bought a T-shirt.

**Angry at Kilmer's frequent failures to turn up on set, Brando had arranged for his trailer to be moved away from Kilmer's, and had, according to Entertainment Weekly told him: "Your problem is you confuse the size of your talent with the size of your pay cheque."**

The "massacre" of The Island of Dr Moreau

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Conservatives plan mortgage rate scare

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taxes and interest rates. They are prepared to risk charges of over-zealousness because it is believed fears of higher mortgage rates under a Neil Kinnock administration were one of the unpublishable factors behind the support given to Mr Major in 1992 by aspirational swing voters, particularly in the South-east.

Despite Labour's insistence that it will be tough on inflation and public spending, the Conservatives believe the Opposition remains vulnerable to the charge that borrowing and interest rates will rise.

"Gordon Brown [the shadow chancellor] has yet to come clean about what his inflation target would be, what his plans are for public spend-

ing, and what he intends to do about public sector pay. We will be pressing for some answers," the ministerial source said.

Labour remains confident that its economic strategy — based on the final abandonment of tax and spend policies — and that it can turn the tables on the Government by highlighting the debacle of Black Wednesday and the subsequent tax increases to pay the cost of the 1990s recession.

"Millions of people still living in negative equity after the housing market disaster and high interest rates which have characterised John Major's leadership know the truth," Mr Brown said last night.

"Despite these Tory lies, they know it is the Conservatives who have hit the homeowners and Labour which has pledged to keep inflation and interest rates low by increasing investment and strengthening the fundamentals of the economy upon which low interest rates depend."

The Advertising Standards Association ruled yesterday that Labour's "Same Old Tories Same Old Lies" poster was unlikely to cause serious or widespread offence. Frank Dobson, the shadow environment secretary said: "The ASA is quite right to say that calling the Tories liars is not likely to cause offence, because it is true. They lied about tax at the last election. They are lying about Labour now."

NHS to sign deal with private health firm

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

LEADERS of National Health Service trusts are poised to sign a pioneering deal involving a tie-up with private health insurer which will renew controversy over creeping health privatisation.

The agreement would mean trusts promoting a Norwich Union policy under which subscribers are treated in private patient wings of NHS hospitals.

The plan last night threatened a damaging health service row. Bob Abberley, head of health for Unison, the biggest NHS union, said: "This is the shape of things to come under the Tory NHS."

"It just proves that what we have been saying about increasing privatisation. It's happening before our very eyes."

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, said the deal would have to be studied and its acceptability would "depend a bit" on the way the policy was promoted. But he added: "I rather welcome the expression of confidence in NHS care that is implied by the idea."

The deal could be one of several struck with insurers by the NHS Trust Federation. Its leaders have been angered by a move by Bupa, the leading insurer, to try to switch its subscribers to a policy which bars their treatment at most NHS private patient units.

Bupa runs 30 of its own hospitals which, like many others in the private sector, operate at low capacity.

Estimates of the potential loss of income to the NHS as a result of Bupa's action start at £16 million a year, ranging up to £300 million, and the federation has retaliated by opening talks with other companies.

Approval of the federation's proposal would appear to hinge on it not being a sole agreement and on trusts not — yet — selling the policy.

Marco Cereste, federation chairman, said terms of a deal had been reached with Norwich Union and would go for approval to the federation's next council meeting.

Asked if trusts would sell the Norwich Union policy, he said: "Not at this stage, but if it is successful and we put the right package together, I really don't see why you should not be able to buy such a package from your local trust."

He added: "If there is a particularly good scheme that we think is of benefit to ourselves, and particularly our patients, it would be wrong for us not to promote it."

Norwich Union already offers a policy, Trust Care, which provides for treatment only in NHS private patient units. It presents the policy as low-cost because it says the units are better value than private hospitals.

For a couple aged 44 and living in Cornwall, Norwich Union quotes a premium of £36.24 a month; for a 27-year-old in Oxford, it quotes £22.72.

Take-up of the policy is thought to have been low, although the company would give no figures. The proposed tie-up with the trust federation would lead to the scheme being re-launched with a fresh emphasis on the advantages of NHS hospitals.

"They have in place all the support services that most provincial private hospitals don't have," said Mr Cereste, speaking at the federation's annual conference in Birmingham.

Many trust hospitals are rapidly expanding their private patient wings, claiming that profits are ploughed back into improving care for NHS patients. Earlier this year, however, Mr Dorrell intervened to stop trusts marketing their own insurance schemes in partnership with companies.

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Antonio Carluccio offers something to expand your perceptions of Italian cooking.

Wild mushrooms.

Starting this week, six weeks of Italian recipes from Antonio Carluccio's new book and TV series 'Italian Feast'. Find out how just a few slices of special dried *funghi* can alter a sauce beyond your wildest dreams.

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News in brief

Duchess of York to write for Paris-Match

THE Duchess of York has been signed up to write regularly for Paris-Match, the French weekly gossip magazine announced yesterday. The duchess, who has signed a contract for an undisclosed sum, is to write a minimum of six exclusive articles a year, with the first one appearing next month.

Single parent families 'work'

YOUNGSTERS in single parent families feel secure and loved — contrary to popular belief, psychologists claimed yesterday. Far from being rocked by instability caused by a crumbling marriage, they report feelings of uncompromised love, according to new research.

Proms were big success

THE 1996 season of the BBC Proms attracted record attendances at the Royal Albert Hall, the corporation said yesterday. Eighty-nine per cent of the seats for the main evening concerts were sold, compared to the previous record of 86 per cent two years ago.

MP wins libel damages

A CONSERVATIVE MP won £100,000 libel damages plus costs against the Mail on Sunday yesterday. Lawyers for the MP said the story, headlined "Tory MP quit as £100,000 of charity money goes missing", was untrue, mistaken and without foundation.

Heart surgery wait to end

HOSPITAL chiefs yesterday arranged a new operation date for a seriously ill child whose heart surgery has been cancelled five times in three months. Emily Casey, aged two, born with a heart defect, will finally be treated at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, in Bristol, on September 25, it was confirmed.

Livingstone attacks council

LABOUR MP Ken Livingstone yesterday demanded a police inquiry into the five-year Conservative administration of Brent council. Mr Livingstone, MP for Brent East, made his remarks after a damning report by the local government ombudsman on the way three Conservative councillors, one of whom is no longer on the authority, handled a planning inquiry.

Apology

IN YESTERDAY'S Diary, it was stated that Independent editor Andrew Marr dismissed the newspaper's dance critic, Sophie Constant, in May, and replaced her with the crossword editor, Louise Levene. We now accept that Miss Constant lost her job shortly before Mr Marr took over, and that Miss Levene is an experienced writer on dance in her own right.



Douglas Hogg leaves No 10 after the Cabinet meeting. Ministers hope for progress with Europe in talks 'behind closed doors'

PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN ARGLES

Cabinet backtracks on BSE cull

Talks with EU on limited slaughter

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

THE Government is backing away from its controversial proposals to limit the mass slaughter of up to 120,000 cattle by launching top-level negotiations with the European Commission over the next few days.

measures to speed up the programme and try and identify the numbers outstanding through an "urgent survey" of farms.

spread slaughter. But European Commission officials have already warned that any reduction in the agreed cull — part of the deal struck at the Florence summit to end the ban on British beef — would not be acceptable.

A one-third reduction has been suggested. Labour's agriculture spokesman, Gavin Strang, said the onus was on Mr Hogg to hammer out a deal, and condemned the new slaughter measures as "small beer against the scale of the calamity now affecting many beef farmers".

move must be agreed with vets and the EU Commission if it was to be successful, he added.

Arts award shocks opera house architects

James Melkie, Community Affairs Editor

ARCHITECTS behind the doomed Cardiff Bay Opera House project last night accused their former partners after the latter won the replacement contract for a landmark arts and entertainment centre for the same site.

ish Architects (RIBA) had warned other architects to consider the ethics of entering a second contest following the Millennium Commission's decision last year not to back the £90 million scheme, pointing out it had been dropped because of doubts over its financial viability, not its design.

structured pigsty". The Cardiff Bay Opera Trust wound up following last year's disappointment and a new organisation, the Wales Millennium Centre, including the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation, Grosvenor Waterside, the development arm of Associated British Ports, and the Institute of Welsh Affairs, organised the new bidding for work to include a 2,000-seat theatre, a waterfront museum, an IMAX cinema, and offices for the Welsh National Opera Company.

Lottery Fund. The word "opera house" has been dropped.

Llantrisant, Wales. But Guardian architecture critic Deyan Sudjic said the work was "middle of the road" and "designed to go for comfort".

Businessman gets 20 years for raping girls

Christopher Elliott

PETER MARTIN, a Manchester model agency owner and associate of the disgraced millionaire Owen Oyston, was jailed for 20 years yesterday for raping and sexually assaulting teenage girls.

Martin's former lover and assistant Tracey Graine, aged 30, who came to his agency when she was 16, was cleared of all four sex charges against her after a psychiatrist and a psychologist gave evidence that Martin so abused and degraded her that she could not refuse his commands.



Peter Martin... raped and abused teenage girls

Woman suffers 33-minute witness box ordeal as alleged stalker cross-examines her in court

Vivek Chaudhary

A WOMAN who claims she was psychologically damaged by a stalker was yesterday questioned in court by the man allegedly behind the four-year campaign of harassment and threats.

always made sure she had a lift to and from home.

frequently had to remind Mr Chambers that he had to ask questions and not make statements.

Big rise in deaths in police custody

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

DEATHS in police custody have risen sharply in recent years, with 50 recorded in the year to April, according to Home Office figures published yesterday.

nounced it had begun an investigation into the death of a 68-year-old man at West Bridgford police station in Nottingham this week.

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Charges were brought against 410 officers in England and Wales — a rise of 5 per cent over the previous year — with 117 cases arising

directly out of complaints from the public.

The overall level of complaints received by the police, however, fell by 5 per cent to 23,900, of which 749 were substantiated.

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Child barred after 30 assaults on staff and pupils

# School excludes boy, 5, from class

**Alan Watkins**

**A** FIVE-year-old primary school pupil has been excluded from a school in Essex after carrying out 30 assaults on teachers, ancillary staff and fellow pupils, it was disclosed yesterday.

The boy, who has not been identified, carried out the attacks over several months. The school decided to expel him to avoid further disruption to classes and meals, said Essex education department spokesman, Mike Barnett.

Mr Barnett said the child's behavioural problems resulted in kicking, hitting and punching assaults on teachers and staff serving lunch. There were also numerous assaults on classmates and complaints had been received from parents.

Mr Barnett said it was "a very rare occurrence" for so young a child to display aggression consistently, and the primary school had patiently tried to resolve his problems before deciding that, for the good of the whole school, the child should be refused further teaching. The boy is now receiving home tuition, costing between £4,000 and £5,000.

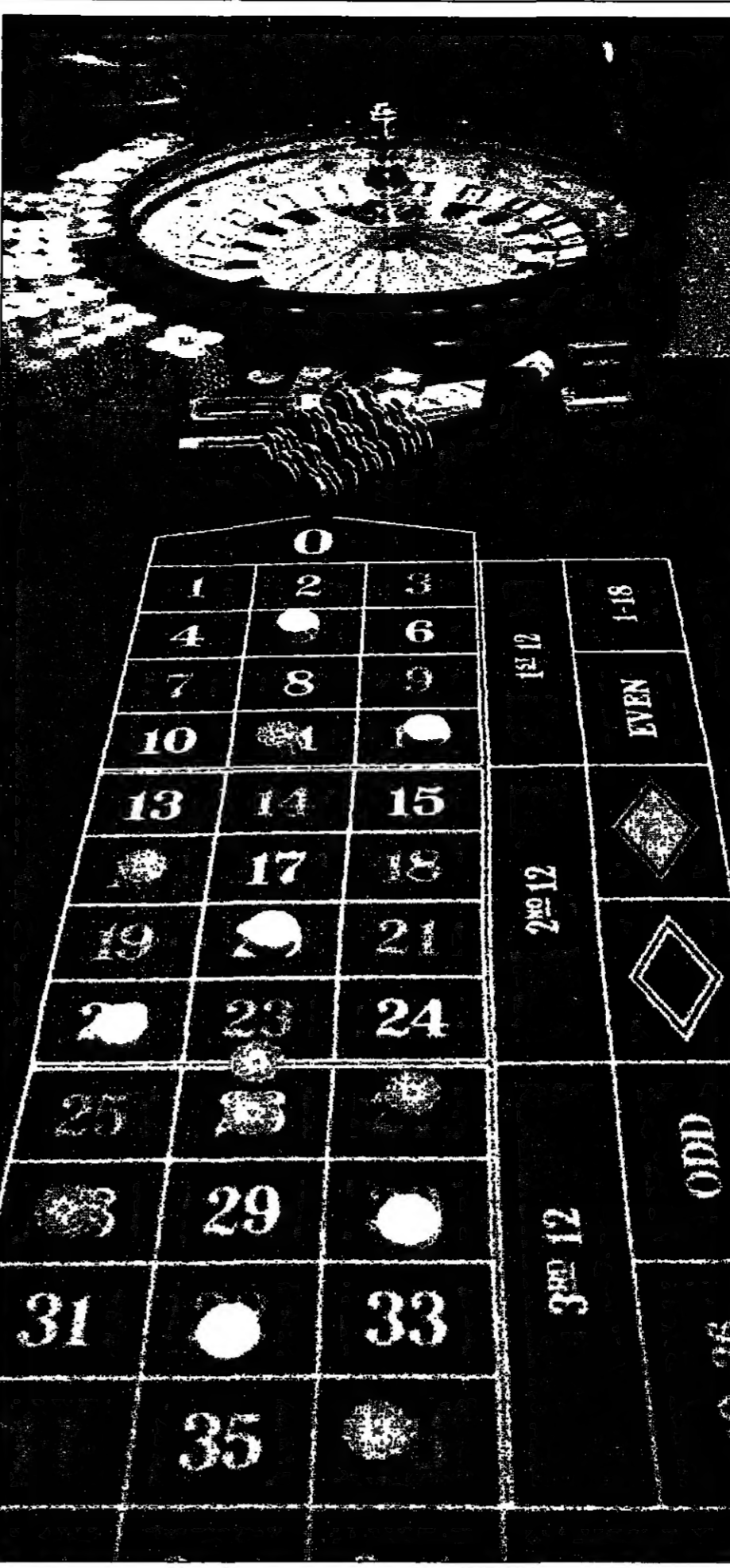
Essex education authority also revealed yesterday a grant maintained school near Chelmsford excluded a 16-year-old girl from GCSE examinations after she became pregnant.

Mr Barnett said her expulsion was illegal because it had been done unilaterally by the school governors, whereas the law required the head teacher to decide, and then be endorsed by the governing body.

Although grant maintained schools are outside the direct control of the county council, the authority intervened on her behalf but could not get her reinstated. Mr Barnett said he was concerned that some grant maintained schools were using unsatisfactory parameters and seemed more ready to expel for comparatively minor offences. One boy had been excluded for smoking a cigarette and another for exposing his bottom.

Mr Barnett said among grant maintained schools there appeared to be an inconsistent approach, with expulsion deemed a better option than making a significant effort to improve the behaviour of the pupil involved.

The education authority was concerned about the pregnant girl's exclusion because GCSE success depended heavily on the completion of course work which was not easily possible outside school.



Unlucky for some: study warns against relaxation of casino laws PHOTOGRAPH: KENNETH SAUNDERS

# Pressure increases as problem pupils soar

Authorities seek more funds to meet 40pc rise in special needs

**Donald MacLeod**  
Education Correspondent

**T**HE number of children in school needing special help for behavioural or learning difficulties is soaring, government figures will reveal today.

Local education authorities are pressing Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, for increased funding to cope with a 40 per cent rise in the proportion of children in mainstream schools with statements of special educational needs.

Increasing pressures on school resources and teachers' time have contributed to a series of confrontations over disruptive pupils, such as the unresolved dispute over a 16-year-old boy at Manton Junior School in Worsop, Nottinghamshire.

The rise is good news for parents, who are having their applications for statements of special educational needs processed quicker under a new

code of practice. The six-month rule, combined with moves by many authorities to close special schools and integrate physically and mentally disabled children into mainstream classrooms, has contributed to the rise from 153,000 pupils in 1991 to 211,000 in 1995.

But schools such as Manton junior are having to find extra money to meet these needs from their own budgets because authorities had no additional resources, according to Graham Lane, education chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities.

"When the new system was introduced we were assured there would not be any additional financial burden on schools," Mr Lane said. "But the huge growth in demand for special needs education is knocking such predictions for six."

"The Government is still denying the need for additional funding, putting ever greater pressure on education budgets and the welcome trend towards greater integration."

Mr Lane also urged Mrs Shephard not to give in to demands from teachers and headteachers to curtail the rights of children and the powers of governors.

"The Government must be wary of the temptation of making legislative changes on the hoof," he said. "It would be a total disaster if children and their parents were denied the right of appeal to an independent body. Without such rights, many children could find themselves unjustly put out on the street."

Last night Manton Junior School parents were meeting the chairman of the county's education committee, Fred Riddell, to discuss the dispute. Some withdrew their children in protest at Matthew Wilson, aged 10, receiving individual tuition at an estimated cost of £14,000 a year in a deal to avert a strike by teachers.

An earlier meeting between parents and school governors broke up without agreement on how to resolve the dispute. Some parents threatened to keep children away from the school today.

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Sweden 100	Banned	Banned

Source: The Social Implications of Casino Gambling, Home Office

# Lottery blamed as study finds 1.5m hooked on gambling

**Alan Travis**  
Home Affairs Editor

**B** RITAIN has up to 1.5 million "problem gamblers" with more than 500,000 who can be classed as "pathological or compulsive", according to a Home Office research published yesterday.

The study warns ministers that their plans to relax casino laws could lead to increased crime and need to be accompanied by measures to prevent and treat problem gambling.

Its authors say the report is the first published by the Government to acknowledge the potential scale of problem gambling.

"We have seen a massive expansion in gambling since the launch of the National Lottery. Everyone assumes it is harmless entertainment but nobody is monitoring its effect at all. That is extraordinary," said Sue Fisher, a senior research fellow at Plymouth University, and co-author of the study.

"There should be no more deregulation until we have taken stock of the level of problem gamblers in Britain and what it costs them, their families and society."

The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, has announced plans to allow casinos to open in 13 new towns, relax the 48-hour waiting period for casino membership, and to lift the current bans on advertising and credit facilities.

But the Home Office-commissioned report concludes that any such deregulation package should recognise the scale of problem gambling and the severely limited treatment facilities available.

The study by Ms Fisher, and Iain Brown of Glasgow University, defines problem gamblers as those whose habit disrupts or damages their family, personal or recreational pursuits. They range from those who have significant debts as a result of gambling, to those who have had to borrow in the last year to pay gambling debts, to those who steal.

The estimate that there are 1.5 million problem gamblers in Britain is based on evidence from the US, New Zealand and the Netherlands, which suggests that just over 3 per cent of the adult population are problem gamblers. The report says that prevention and treatment programmes barely exist in Britain.

For most gamblers the 12-step quasi-religious Gamblers Anonymous programme is the only help available yet it has not proved to be the path to recovery for the majority. "Provision in the UK has until now, been extremely poor," say the authors.

A Gamblers Anonymous spokesman said: "The figures in this report must be about right because we have a waiting list for Britain and believe that for every addict who comes forward for help there are another 50 who do not."

A third of compulsive gamblers spent more than 40 per cent of their annual salary on gambling and surveys of Gamblers Anonymous members show that 85 per cent of them have become involved in crime.

International comparisons show that men tend to prefer craps and roulette while women problem gamblers favour bingo, lotteries and gambling machines. British youngsters prefer slot machines, which are seen as highly addictive and are widely available outside casinos.

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# 'Discretion' urged on nurses' pay

**David Brindle**  
Social Services Correspondent

**N**URSES should have no national pay rise next year, the Government will today tell the profession's pay review body.

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, last night said the Government's written evidence to the pay review body would call for "maximum discretion" for NHS trusts to determine pay rises locally.

His comments came as trusts and health unions together spoke out over what one union leader called the "shambles" of this year's pay round. According to figures compiled for the trusts, only 26 of 530 have reached agreement with the unions. More than 160 have not tabled formal offers.

Bob Abberley, head of health for Unison, the biggest NHS union, said: "It seems that the Government doesn't learn from experience. Clearly local bargaining has not worked and is not going to work in the future."

The Government's evidence on nurses' pay, which will be the same on therapists' pay, echoes what it said last year when it called for a "minimal increase" in national rates and "maximum scope to make modest total improvements" locally.

In the event, the review body awarded a national rise of 2 per cent from April this year, to be topped-up locally. But although this was announced in early February, progress at local level has been very slow.

Mr Dorrell, who was addressing the annual conference in Birmingham of the NHS Trust Federation, said:

"The Government's evidence for the 1997 pay round — to be lodged by today — would seek for trusts the maximum discretion for meaningful local negotiations."

Asked later if that meant no national pay rise, the minister said: "I am not going to answer that question."

Mr Dorrell insisted that trusts were finally starting to take advantage of their freedom to determine local pay rates. However, Anne Galbraith, who chairs the federation's human resources committee, told him: "Never has so much energy been expended to try to sort out so little money."

Earlier, trusts heard from their own pay adviser that they had allowed the trade unions to make the running on pay.

Gordon Stewart, of Beaufort Management Consultants, told trust leaders: "I think the unions have got the initiative. I think you have to take it and I think that is a scandal."

The average offer was 2.75 per cent, including the 2 per cent national rise, Mr Stewart said. The typical settlement was a total 3 per cent, but four had been for 4 per cent or more.

Mr Abberley described the outlook as a shambles and typical of the "1970s British Leyland style" industrial relations the Government had forced on the NHS by insisting on local bargaining.

Warning that staff in one trust in Newcastle-upon-Tyne had already voted for industrial action, Mr Abberley told trusts: "Don't come beating to us about not having the money. Under the British Leyland system, it's your problem — not ours."

# Agencies fight legal aid plan

**Clare Dyer**  
Legal Correspondent

**A**DVICE agencies yesterday threatened to throw a spanner into the Government's plans for radical reform of the legal aid system, as 10 organisations launched a campaign to stop the proposals going ahead.

Under the plans, outlined in a white paper last July, advice agencies and solicitors' firms would tender for block contracts. But Steve Johnson, director of the Federation of Independent Advice Centres, representing 900 agencies, said his members would refuse to tender unless plans to charge a fee for legal aid to benefit claimants and others on low incomes were dropped.

The white paper proposes that agencies should means test applicants and that they could only give free advice to people on income support. If a case went to court, even those on benefit would have to pay a fee, possibly £20.

Mr Johnson said that agencies would boycott the scheme if they "had to collect charges and were required to means test clients leaving some of those who don't qualify without a service."

Other organisations supporting the campaign are: the Law Society, the Advice Services Alliance, Liberty, Justice, the Child Poverty Action Group, Shelter, the Public Law Project, and the Legal Action Group.

Some agencies now mount test cases in the names of individuals on legal aid. David Thomas, director of the CPAG, said proposals to make litigants on legal aid pay their opponents' costs if they lose would make it impossible to find people to bring a test case. "We need to be able to tell claimants who are thinking of fronting a test case that they will not face any personal liability."

Implementation of the reforms may never happen if the Government loses the general election. Labour supports radical reform of the legal aid system, including block contracts for advice agencies and measures to control lawyers' fees. But it opposes cash limits for legal aid and one-off payments for the poor.

# Resort not so glad to lose grey

**Martin Watnwright**

**A**S a greyish sort of surf pounded the promenade and beach at Scarborough yesterday, holiday-makers were praying more than ever that the old saying "All publicity is good publicity" would again prove true.

Scarred by headlines two months ago when Bulgaria's Euro 96 football team drove away in their luxury coach, dismissing the resort as "too boring", the Queen of the Yorkshire Coast was tottering from another blow.

Saga Holidays, the specialists in breaks for the over-50s, announced that the golden sands named by Skardli the Viking had been dropped from their next year's options. Customers' deeper purses, and yearning for something more exciting than a cliff-hut or beach donkey, have edged the firm's brochure towards hotspots like Malaysia and Uzbekistan.

Conventional coach tours to Scarborough — or Newquay and Morecambe which have also been dropped — have been losing popularity.

Chief resorts officer Kevin Barrand dropped what appeared to be a sizeable brick when he shared with a Yorkshire Post reporter the description of the Saga and of the market as "old farts".

A rescue operation was mounted last night, with Susan Ewer, of the Scarborough Hoteliers' Association, praising the grey market as important and much appreciated. The cliff-top benches, many, odd, facing away from the sea — were also well-filled with appreciative visitors, none of whom will see 50 again.

Mr Barrand, meanwhile, was in rival Blackpool at the TUC conference, consoling himself with the most important statistical result of the Bulgarian snub. The story went around the world and is thought to be one of the main reasons why visitor numbers this year have gone up.

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# Turkey 'blocks US airlift' of imperilled dissidents

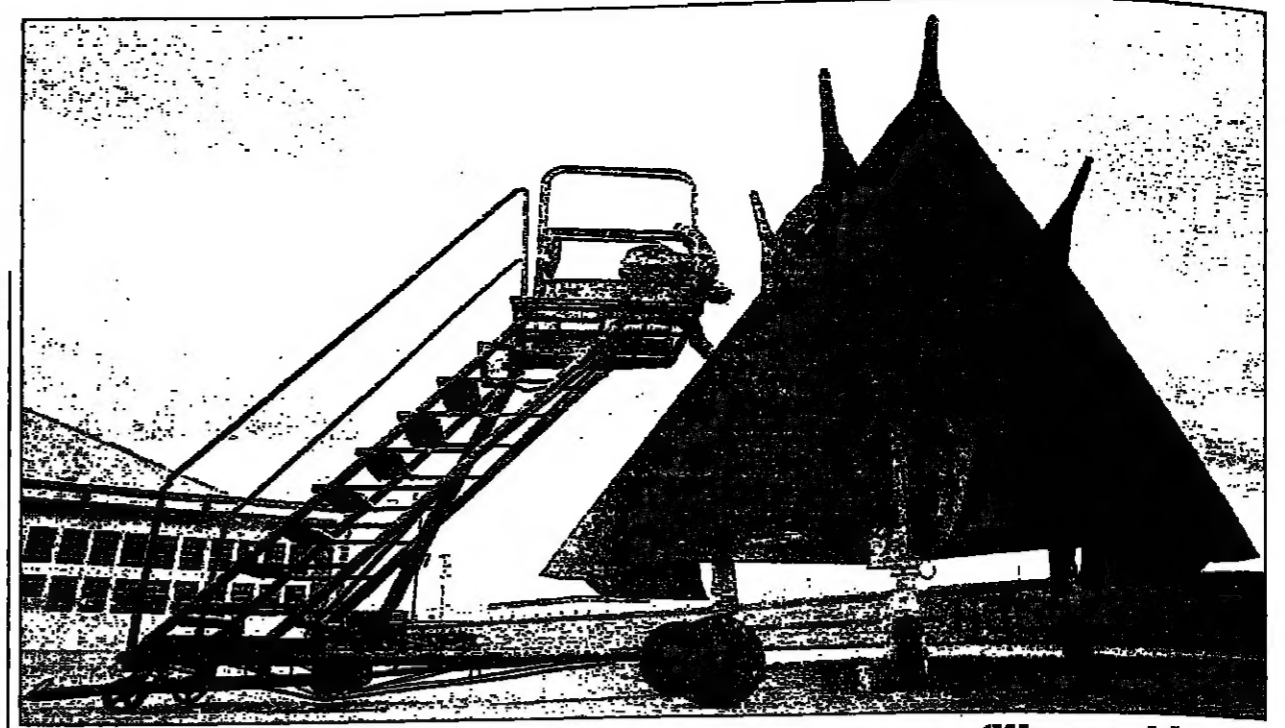
Thomas Lippman in Washington

**T**HE Clinton administration is preparing to conduct a helicopter airlift to rescue about 2,000 Kurds and other Iraqi dissidents in northern Iraq who worked for the United States, but the refugees remain trapped because neighbouring Turkey is reluctant to let them in, senior American officials have said.

Those seeking to flee Iraq are mostly encamped near the Turkish border, awaiting an opportunity to cross. They do not appear to be in imminent danger, a US official said on Wednesday, since they have not been dispersed into the mountains for protection. The US would use its helicopters based at Incirlik, in Turkey, to ferry the refugees

across the border, but it does not yet have Ankara's permission. State department, Pentagon and White House officials all denied reports from the region that the airlift was already under way. Saddam Hussein, who reasserted his control over northern Iraq last week, has branded those who worked for Washington as "traitors", and their lives are in danger, administration officials said. The state department spokesman, Nicholas Burns, said: "We have identified several thousand people who were with us over the last five years, and these include people who have worked with us, and their family members who are at peril... We're attempting to bring them to safety."

This is not the first time people who worked with the US abroad have been stranded when Washington pulled out. It happened in South Vietnam in 1975. In Iraq, the people in danger are Kurdish separatists and dissident Iraqi Arabs who worked for the US and allied military forces in Operation Provide Comfort, enforcing the "no-fly zone" or distributing humanitarian aid to the Kurdish population. The fate of the refugees could provide the first test of relations between Washington and the Turkish administration of Necmettin Erbakan — the first Islamist government of the Nato ally. Washington's contact is largely with the moderate, pro-Western foreign minister, Tansu Ciller, but she reports to Mr Erbakan. Mr Burns said it "made sense" for the US to "try to get the refugees out of Iraq because if we don't we cannot be at all sure that their lives would be protected against the security goons of Saddam Hussein."



**'We consider this conduct on the part of the Kuwaiti regime a flagrant, aggressive action against the Iraqi people'** Tariq Aziz

**'Totally unacceptable'** William Perry on Iraq's threat to Kuwait

**'Iraq will defend its air space'** Abd-al-Ghafur

**'The determination of the United States in dealing with the problem of Iraq should not be underestimated'** President Clinton

**'What is happening in Iraq hurts the souls of all Muslims'** Abdul-Karim al-Kabariti of Jordan

Shadow over the sun... Iraqis shop at a Baghdad market while (top) an F-117A Stealth fighter at the United States' Holloman air force base in Alamogordo, New Mexico, is readied for yesterday's deployment to the Gulf. PHOTOGRAPHS: JASSIM MOHAMMED AND BILL HAINES

## Don't count on us, say French

Ian Black Diplomatic Editor

**F**RANCE expressed its "deep concern" yesterday at the latest escalation of tension in the Gulf as international anxieties grew about the possibility of additional United States military action — and Iraq took verbal aim at Kuwait.

The Iraqi deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, told Kuwait it would be committing "an act of war" if it allowed US warplanes to use its territory for attacks on his country.

"We consider this conduct on the part of the Kuwaiti regime a flagrant aggressive action against the Iraqi people and an act of war against the state of Iraq... and we are confident that fair experts in international law, Arabs or foreigners, would confirm this conclusion," Mr Aziz said.

not automatically count on its support. "We are in contact with the US and we believe it is necessary for the partners in Operation Provide Comfort to continue to consult on their evaluation of the situation and on their intentions," a foreign ministry spokesman, Jacques Fumelard, said.

France broke ranks with the US and Britain last week by refusing to patrol the expanded no-fly zone in southern Iraq. Jean-Claude Mallet, the ministry's director of strategic affairs, made clear yesterday that French pilots in the Gulf had been instructed to seek clearance from Paris if asked to come to the assistance of US planes.

US officials acknowledge that efforts need to be made to keep the French happy and the deputy secretary of state, Strobe Talbot, has had consultations with French and Russian officials in Paris. French coolness contrasted with the strong support being given to the US by Britain, which has again agreed to the use of its Diego Garcia base in the Indian Ocean for B-52 bombers — and is involved in consultations about the new attacks.

## Bombs rebound on Washington

Maggie O'Kane in Amman

**A**LONG the green embassy belt in the hills overlooking the Jordanian capital of Amman, Western diplomats have no doubts about the potential impact of another American attack on Iraq.

"Clinton is creating a hero with these attacks," said one diplomat who has been in the region for two years. "Saddam can say to the rest of the Arab world, 'Look at me, the Americans think they can walk all over us Arabs and I'm the only one that's standing up to them.'"

Another Arabic speaking diplomat, who regularly makes the 15-hour journey to Baghdad, said: "Saddam must be very pleased with the last two weeks: he's got control in the north, his secret police are wiping out the opposition still hiding there, the Iraqis have got the shove and he's becoming a symbol of Arab resistance."

brotherhood. They don't like Saddam, but he belongs to them. They remember when the West ran things here and they don't like them thinking they can still throw their weight around."

Emaha Ali, a housewife, says she is not political, "but I have feelings, and they're rushing in to this thinking they can fire off their B-52s and their Stealth bombers whenever they want". Laher Zantout, an accountant, aged 36, also attacks the haste. "Look at Bosnia and all those years of saying they couldn't possibly get involved. But when it comes to Iraq, it's straight in with the bombs."

Despite rumours of a summer of coup-attempts and assassination bids against President Saddam, diplomats in Amman say reports of internal unrest in Iraq are exaggerated by opposition groups in exile. "If you listened to all the rumours during the summer, he's already survived being poisoned by a chicken against war former boy, Amman, who wonder if the Clinton administration is doing the right thing. Jordan, Iraq's neighbour, is a land of computer programmers and investment bankers where there is no love for President Saddam Hussein, but yesterday — at least among the dozens of people the Guardian spoke to — there was not a single voice in favour of air strikes."

## Eastwood 'sabotaged' film career of ex-paramour

Ian Katz in New York

**W**HEN Sondra Locke filed a paternity lawsuit against her former boyfriend, Clint Eastwood, the celluloid hard man did not invite her to go ahead and make his day. Instead the actor offered to help her secure a lucrative film development deal with a big Hollywood studio if she dropped her suit.

But the \$1 million contract he brokered with Warner Brothers was designed specifically to stymie her budding career, she alleges.

The actress and director is suing her former paramour for \$1.35 million, alleging fraud and contractual interference.

"This deal with Warner Brothers was a sham," her lawyer, Peggy Garrity, told jurors on the first day of her civil trial in Burbank, California. "It caused her serious harm and destroyed her directorial career."

## Amazon deforestation has increased sharply

Brazil's claims of progress are ill-founded, reports Diana Jean Schemo in Rio de Janeiro

**D**EFORESTATION has increased sharply in Brazil since the 1992 Earth Summit, despite government claims that stricter environmental laws had slowed destruction of the Amazon rain forest, new figures show.

Fires and logging have consumed an area of forest the size of Denmark in just a few years. The data, which covered deforestation from 1991 to 1994, appeared to support assertions by environmental groups that a drop-off in deforestation by 1991 was caused more by an economic downturn than by significant government action.

"The burning of the Amazon is not over. It's getting worse." The data shows that deforestation rose by 34 per cent, from 4,296 square miles in the 1990-91 burning season to 5,760 square miles by 1994. Analysis of the data for last year is expected to show a greater increase, since many recent fires were detected raging in virgin forest, said Philip Fearnside, an ecology professor at the National Institute for Research in the Amazon, in Manaus.

As the updated figures were issued, the government announced a series of measures to crack down on the illegal logging of mahogany, and increased to 80 per cent, from 50 per cent, the share of property that landowners in the Amazon must preserve as tropical forest.

The measures came shortly before a meeting this week in Bonn where representatives from the Group of Seven leading industrialised countries are gathering to evaluate a £185 million fund for pilot projects to save the Amazon. So far, only about £7 million has been spent, said an American state department spokesman.

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Conference clash poses Euro-sceptic headache

# Tories try to block Dublin EU summit

John Palmer in Brussels

**T**HE British government has made a last-ditch attempt to postpone the special European Union summit in Dublin, scheduled to be held just days before the Conservative Party conference next month, Irish EU presidency officials said yesterday.

France and Germany want to use the summit to help to break the deadlock on the Maastricht treaty review negotiations on closer political union, while stepping up the drive for a single currency in 1999.

But John Major fears the meeting will only inflame Tory Euro-sceptics, who intend to use the party conference in Bournemouth to demand that he rules out Britain's participation in the monetary union.

During the recent discussion by EU foreign ministers in Tralee about a special summit, (the Foreign Secretary) Malcolm Rifkind said he was doubtful whether it would serve any purpose. But it was agreed to go ahead with the summit on October 5, an Irish official said yesterday.

"Now the British government has written formally to us reiterating their objections in very strong terms. It seems they would prefer it is cancelled," The Tory conference begins on October 8.

Given the enthusiasm of President Jacques Chirac and Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Dublin is most unlikely to bow to British pressure. "We

have taken soundings today in other EU capitals. Other clues look like 'press ahead'," the official said.

Government sources confirmed they have expressed "considerable doubts" about the summit to the Irish government. From the point of view of ministers, this is not the most opportune time for such a summit. We certainly remain to be convinced that it can achieve anything of value," said one.

There is no question of Mr Major leaving Britain's summit seat empty. But while France and Germany have scaled down their ambitions for a new political union treaty and moved closer to Britain on defence and foreign policy, Mr Major will not want to reveal in public at this stage any concessions he is ready to make.

These include acceptance that, in future, common EU foreign policy proposals should be prepared in Brussels rather than by national capitals. Britain is also ready to drop its objections to the incorporation into the Maastricht treaty — for the first time — of a new international security role for the EU, including peacekeeping missions.

Meanwhile, in a move which will make it easier for France to meet single currency conditions, the European Commission is expected to approve an agreement between the French government and France Telecom under which the state will pay employees' pensions. In return the government will be paid a

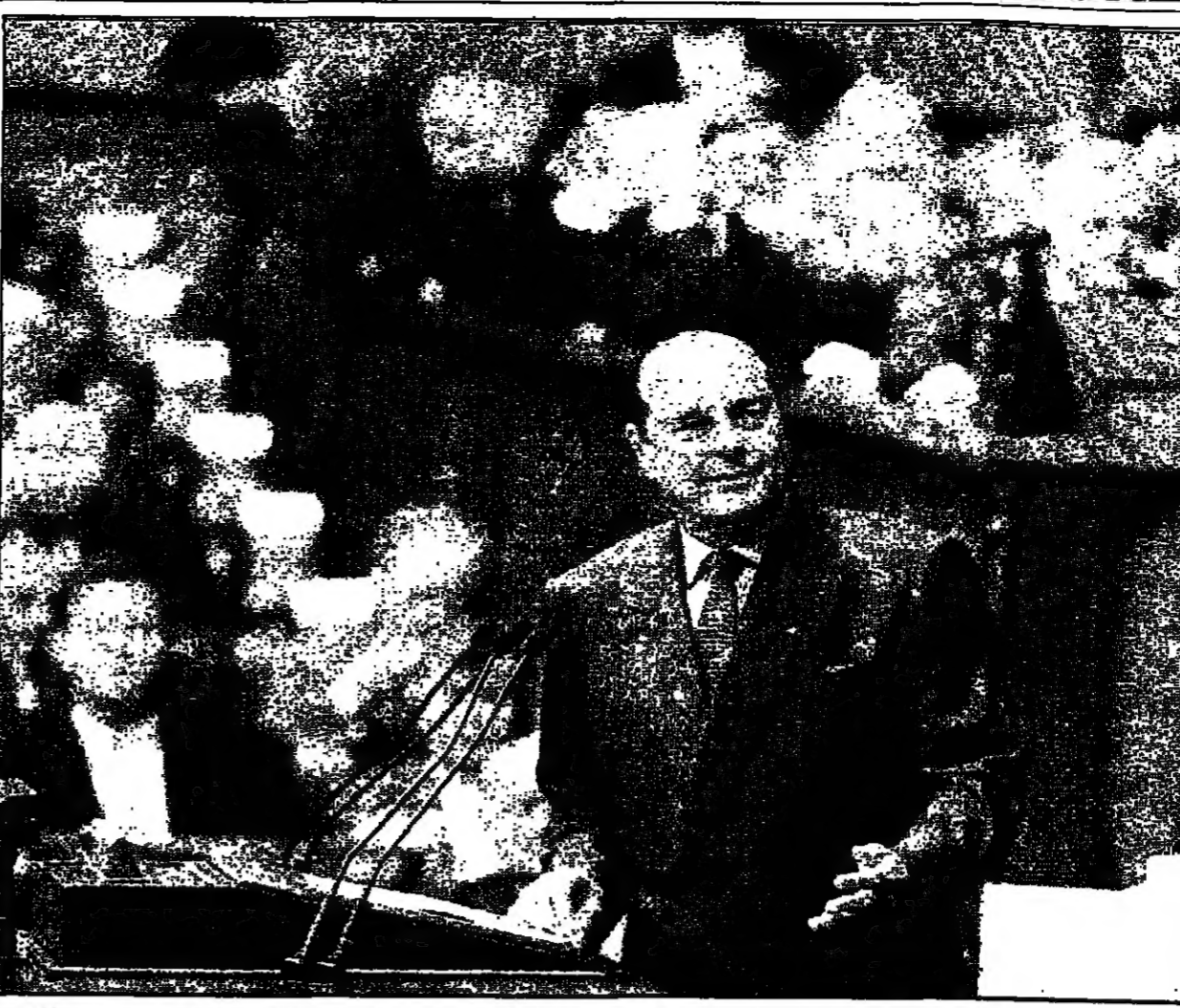
jump sum of £5.5 billion — 0.4 per cent of GDP. If approved, the deal would give Paris a painless way of bringing its budget deficit closer to the 3 per cent target set out in the Maastricht treaty.

The commission has confirmed that a study of the growing importance of services in European economies is likely to lead to a wholesale revaluation of GDP figures after 1999, making it easier for countries in the single currency to respect long-term ceilings on budget deficits and government debt.

Governments also this week moved close to an agreement on a long-term single currency "stability pact", which will be discussed by finance ministers in Dublin.

It provides for financial sanctions against countries which run persistent excessive budget deficits after monetary union. Agreement on the pact will meet a key German condition and make it easier for Bonn to agree to a more flexible application of the single currency criteria.

Peter Preston, page 9



President Jacques Chirac of France addresses the Polish parliament yesterday during a visit PHOTOGRAPH: JACKY NAEGELIN

# Chirac backs Poles

Anthony Barker in Warsaw

**F**RANCE hopes Warsaw will join the European Union by the year 2000, the French president, Jacques Chirac, told the Polish parliament yesterday.

Mr Chirac said in a speech to both houses that talks on EU membership for Poland should begin in just over a year. He also supported Warsaw's desire to join the Nato alliance, saying the process should begin next year "in an irreversible way".

Although Brussels officials suggest that 2002 would be a more realistic date for Poland's EU membership, given the time needed for negotiation and ratification, Mr Chirac's aides have said Warsaw could achieve its goal two years earlier with some concessions.

Mr Chirac proposed that a conference be called to gather candidate countries and the 15 member states, not as a substitute for entry talks but as a political and economic forum. — Reuter.

# Crunch vote on cuts for Kohl

Ian Traynor in Bonn

**C**HANCELLOR Helmut Kohl of Germany faces a crunch parliamentary vote today, needing to muster an absolute majority to push through controversial spending cuts aimed at enabling the country to qualify for a single European currency.

Key elements of Mr Kohl's austerity drive — cutting sick pay and child benefit, and making it easier for small firms to shed employees — were rebuffed yesterday by the opposition-controlled upper house, or Bundesrat.

Mr Kohl could override that opposition today by securing 337 votes in the 672-seat lower house. His coalition of Christian Democrats and Liberals has 341 seats, meaning that a three-line whip is being applied to pack the chamber.

Today's vote caps a four-day debate on the budget for next year — the yardstick year for deciding which countries are fit for the single European currency in 1999.

The opposition Social Democrats rejected overtures from Mr Kohl to cooperate in the drive to boost the economy, claiming the government has pursued "rotten" policies that had taken unemployment to a post-war record of about 4 million, and the country to the cusp of recession.

The trade unions have been warning of strikes and mass resistance to the austerity measures, which hit welfare benefits and raise the retirement age while including tax breaks for business and other supply side

measures to boost the economy. Theo Waigel, the finance minister, argued that there was no alternative to the package, which is likely to be approved today.

Bonn and Paris appear determined to defy popular resistance and anxiety to push through the cuts to get their budget deficits and state debt levels under the ceilings set by the Maastricht treaty for participation in economic and monetary union.

The French and German finance and economics ministers and the central bank chiefs are to meet in Bavaria next week, in what is being seen as an attempt to co-ordinate their positions before a meeting of EU finance ministers in Ireland next weekend.

But the grim reality of poor economic performance threatens to wreck Bonn's best-laid plans.

Wolfgang Schaenble, Mr Kohl's number two, hinted yesterday at the need for more cuts. The government has admitted that its projections for this year have already been rendered redundant by soaring unemployment, consequent loss of tax revenue, and extra dole payments.

Mr Waigel said this week that the budget deficit would be closer to DM70 billion (£30.5 billion) rather than the budgeted DM60 billion, a 16 per cent increase. Last year's growth forecasts were also overly optimistic.

Mr Schaenble said yesterday that once the cuts being decided today were in place, a balance would have to be drawn later in the year to decide whether spending would need to be further throttled to meet the EMU conditions.

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## News in brief

**Pakistan stalls on test ban**

Pakistan yesterday welcomed the United Nations' nuclear test ban treaty but said it would not sign the document until it was first signed by India.

A foreign ministry spokesman said the Pakistani government was determined to "reserve the right to respond adequately to any nuclear escalation by India". — Reuter.

**Soccer deaths**

Eleven members of a women's football team were killed in Nigeria after their bus careered into a deep river near Lagos. The roads were slippery from heavy rains but the cause of the accident was unclear. — AP.

**Mafia raid**

Italian police burst in on a dawn summit of suspected Naples mobsters yesterday and arrested seven people thought to be Mafia leaders. Dogs and helicopters were used in the operation, which found two pistols. — Reuter.

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Diary

Matthew Norman

What promises to be one of modern history's more dramatic legal showdowns, Postman Pat is threatening to take the Communications Workers' Union to court. Far from the "very happy man" he claims to be, Pat feels little solidarity with his brother mailmen.

MEANWHILE, in another enticing test case, a sub-editor fired by the Manchester office of the Daily Sport for inventing quotes is suing the paper on the grounds that he was paid to do exactly what he did.

WHILE Sir James Goldsmith grabs the headlines, news arrives of a more obscure political party dedicated to this country's withdrawal from Europe.

IN his elegant Daily Mail column, my friend Richard Littlejohn considers Peter Snow's attack on spin doctors.

AN ingenious twist to solving an old problem comes from Huntington, where the council this week responded to complaints about long grass obscuring a speed-limit sign on a verge.

BEST OF ENEMIES, the new novel from Milady Eve Pollard's Splash! trio of authors, has won a late review in the dustbin.

MAKE 'EM LAUGH, a comedy show scheduled to begin today (Friday the 13th) at Leeds City Varieties Theatre, has been cancelled after two of its star comedians died.

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I don't want Brussels to ban the Mail, but...

Commentary

Peter Preston

IS IT a tide? Is it a beam? Either way, we're talking Filth with a capital F (and the Daily Mail is leading the charge).

IN 1989 the Commission in Brussels and its ministerial masters agreed a directive on "television without frontiers".

IN his elegant Daily Mail column, my friend Richard Littlejohn considers Peter Snow's attack on spin doctors.

entire page of an editorial blending smacked children, Spanish haddock and now this "instable meddling" over Filth into a rich stew of fury and ripping up the Treaty of Rome before breakfast.

You would not have guessed it from yesterday's Mail (three limply evasive sentences at the very end of a story at the foot of page 13) but this story, with the foaming edifice constructed upon it, was wrong; wholly, absolutely, ravingly, heedlessly up the creek. It bears no relation to present or future reality.

The Commission doesn't like mushy, chaotic directives — any more than governments (call Michael Howard) like mushy, chaotic legislation.

two cases, only one of which touched Britain. By far the more important case, ironically, involved Belgium and the increasing propensity of the French and Flemish halves of that snarly country to do their own thing: rejecting some incoming cable or satellite television channel — just like the BBC — which, for one reason or another, they didn't like.

The less important case was merely tidying up. The 1989 directive (free markets again) made it clear that the approval of the channel-originating state was paramount. If that state applied the directive's tests and duly approved a new channel, then all member countries were bound to take the programmes. It wasn't, however, so clear whether the first state in the frame was the one where the satellite broadcaster in question had its head office or the "up-linking" country whence programmes were beamed up to the satellite.

legislation which made the up-linking country responsible, while others had chosen the head-office option. Please could we all do the same thing? That's what the European Court of Justice has decided this week. It's the approval of the country where the broadcaster has its registered office which counts.

The foaming edifice was wrong: wholly, absolutely, ravingly, heedlessly up the creek

lutely unaffected by the new European ruling. Our defences remain completely in place. Indeed, because there will be no more hassles over which country is the prime mover, the Luxembourg decision was probably bad news for porn merchants everywhere.

There are few total fans of the 1989 directive (me included): but its fundamental thrust is a sound one, worth rigorously defending. I wouldn't want a Europe

where the Belgian government (say) banned the sale of the Daily Mail because it didn't like Paul Dacre's leader line. (Don't scoff: governments around the world pull that stunt without drawing breath.) Equally, then, I want television channels to be similarly unobscuredly available. A freedom issue everyone can understand, with safeguards everyone can see in action.

There now, is that clear? The European Commission issued a press statement after the Mail tale which sought to make it so. Mrs Bottomley's Heritage Department did likewise. Scant traces of such actuality in Mr Dacre's pages.

There are few total fans of the 1989 directive (me included): but its fundamental thrust is a sound one, worth rigorously defending. I wouldn't want a Europe

My part in the virgin's bad hair day



Bel Littlejohn

Let's rock! As you will have gathered, my public-relations company, Bel and Friends, has had its hands firmly on the propeller of the new Church of England Yuletide marketing campaign.

It all came about after I met the lovely, lovely Dr George Carey at the suggestion of Humphrey Carpenter for a light salad lunch and a few bottles of wine.

One thing led to another, and in the end the Church told Bel and Friends that they would be prepared to launch a very expensive advertising campaign to attract the young if we could statistically prove that there was a need for it. Hey presto! An extensive £200,000 market-research campaign (memo to self: bill CoE for research fees) came up with some truly convincing statistics.

slogan, for quite a product. Nuff said. Initial estimates indicate it will attract a sizeable number of young people well into single figures to come to church this Christmas.

We're also planning to follow up the Bad Hair campaign with a state-of-the-art radio commercial featuring Liam Gallagher. "Oh, Sally, can't wait," he will sing, "she knows it's too late, da da da da God." We're privately convinced that this will attract many more youngsters to church.

You'll have heard how some of our most sensitive contemporary women writers are putting everything they can into writing sequels to the great classics.

My agent, bless her, has now secured me a contract with Doubleday to write a long-awaited sequel to the ever-popular Paradise Lost by John Milton.

When we showed the guys at Church HQ these figures coupled with our expert analysis (memo to self: bill CoE for creative account), they gave the go-ahead for a Bel & Friends poster blitz this Christmas.

Nazi gold and the news

David Cesarani argues that the presentation of history as news is unhelpful in enabling us to deal with the its moral and practical implications

ONE of the intriguing questions arising from the latest "revelations" about the conduct of Swiss banks during the second world war is why it took so long for this particular chapter of history to hit the headlines.

Like many of the recent stories from the Nazi era, it hinges on "secrets" and "new" documentation. It shares a common theme with other controversies that revolve around property and questions of restitution or compensation, such as the contested ownership of looted artworks held in Russia.

here, in our newspaper or on our TV screen. History ceases to be the realm of the boring dead and becomes something in which we ourselves participate.

In these, and similar, cases history has been reduced to litigation. The object of memory of objects: land, property, cash. This makes the past instantly accessible to the amnesiac readers of the newspapers and the viewers of Secret History.

MUCH of this history-as-news is driven by stereotypes. The story of Nazi gold appears logical due to the concatenation of symbols.

with the Germans, are being urged to seek compensation by children or grandchildren for whom such recourse is more natural and acceptable.

The use of stereotypes has short-circuited clear thinking. History has been turned into a free-fire zone for the most unlikely of moral adventures.

The wealth looted from them was insignificant compared to the tons of gold plundered by the Nazis from the central banks of vanquished



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# Finance Guardian

## Banks 'planning new wave of job cuts'

### Union says Lloyds-TSB branch closures are only the prelude

Martyn Halseall

**WORKERS** in the financial services industry were warned to brace themselves for another wave of job cuts as Lloyds-TSB announced the closure of 150 branches.

The banking, insurance and finance union, predicted that up to 1,000 branches would eventually close, with the loss of 10,000 jobs.

Mr Townsend said the decision had been "based on giving the shareholders more, at the expense of staff and customers".

He said: "It will mean that more communities will be losing their bank, damaging customer service and local economies."

The closures at Lloyds-TSB next year represent 5 per cent of the merged network of 3,000 branches. The union fears that closures will accelerate once a private bill, to permit banking operations of Lloyds and the TSB to combine, goes through Parliament.

Mr Townsend yesterday urged MPs and peers to insist on guarantees against compulsory redundancies in the bill, with safeguards stipulating consultation with customers, the union and communities facing bank closures.

### Notebook

## Poll play leaves Tories boxed in



Edited by Alex Brummer

**IN MANY** respects, the Tories have chosen sensibly in targeting interest rates for their next assault on Labour. Plainly, it is politically shrewd in that mortgage rates are, on most measures, at a 30-year low. It is also significant from a City perspective.

proposals. All that chairman Richard Jordano would say is that the board would announce whether it would take its case to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission well before the October 7 deadline.

## Royal deli plans spread

Sarah Flynn

**FROM** the rash of Churchill pubs on the Costa del Sol to the cutesy tea shoppes in Japanese and American theme parks, English tradition has been spinning money for foreigners for many years.



Entering the space age... expansion will not alter other-worldly air of Fortnum & Mason ladieswear department

quality groceries and household necessities such as Limoges china.

Italy, to name any of the celebrities who pop in when they are in London, and denied that the extension was solely to cope with the increase in the tourist trade.

plans for an airport shop, on Harrods lines, to give visitors one last chance to take home a packet of Breakfast Tea.

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many years, and reflects the board's confidence to develop Fortnum & Mason as we approach our fourth century of trading on this site."

## British Gas to act after £7m loss

Chris Barrie  
Business Correspondent

**BRITISH** Gas pledged yesterday to restore its tarnished reputation by taking drastic action to improve standards of customer service by the end of the year.

compared to a \$49 million profit in 1995, on turnover of \$1.89 billion. For the half year, profits were 7.7 per cent down to \$236 million on \$5.1 billion turnover.

man, Richard Jordano, said dividends would be affected by the outcome of the company's battle with the industry regulator, Clare Spottiswoode, over controls planned for the TransCo gas transmission business.

Spottiswoode over price controls on the supply business were more likely.

## Gillette takes over Duracell in \$7bn deal

Mark Tran in New York

**GILLETTE** scooped up one of the world's top brands yesterday when it bought Duracell.



Duracell has introduced new products and is making a big push overseas.

With the \$7 billion (\$4.6 billion) deal, the consumer goods giant will give the world's biggest alkaline battery-maker access to the capital and marketing muscle needed to roll out Duracell products around the globe.

Duracell has introduced new products and is making a big push overseas.

## Pension trustees shun Morgan

Richard Milles

**MORGAN** Grenfell, the investment bank at the centre of an investigation by City watchdog Inro, is set to lose up to £2 billion of new pension business from institutional investors this year.

ager until the outcome was known of Inro's inquiry into a secret web of holding companies run by fund manager Peter Young.

its institutional pension clients had been attracted by irregularities detected in the three European funds.

Mr Young, speaking for the first time since his suspension, claimed yesterday that he had been made a scapegoat by Morgan Grenfell and feared he would lose everything including his \$450,000 house in the Buckinghamshire stockbroker belt.

## London investors seek independent assessment of Olivetti

Nicholas Bannister and John Glover in Milan

**LARGE** London-based investors in Olivetti are to demand independent confirmation of the troubled Italian computer group's recent half-year results when they meet its chief executive next week.

Olivetti's recent results which showed a half-year loss of 440 billion lire (£197 million).

Italian authorities to establish the true figures.

Duracell, with half the US market, has annual revenues of \$2.3 billion, but its share price, which at lunchtime in New York yesterday was up 57% at \$69, has lagged behind the market in the past two years in the wake of slack sales in Europe and the growth of private-label brands in the US.

## Acting BZW chief leaves in management shake-out

By Paul Murphy

**A SHAKE-OUT** at the top of BZW was confirmed yesterday with the announcement that Donald Brydon — one of the best-known figures in the world of investment management and acting chief executive of the premier investment bank since the spring — is leaving the firm.

years ago. A spokesman declined to comment on the level of compensation Mr Brydon was likely to receive.

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Double jeopardy: Cash dries up for poverty-stricken nations as government support becomes 'unfashionable'

'Public does not believe money is really helping the poorest people'

Justin Forsyth of Oxfam



Abandoned... Aid agencies say Mozambique would be in dire straits if thrown on the mercies of private investors

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World Bank admits defeat on state aid

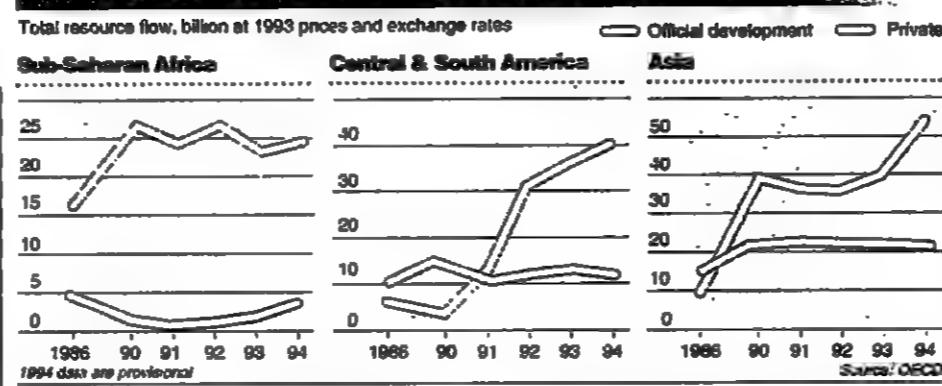
Private investment is declared only viable alternative as West reneges on Third World funding

Sarah Ryle

THE World Bank has admitted that it is fighting a losing battle with western governments over aid to the world's poorest countries...

Alternative is investment from the markets. That would mean forming new guidelines to make sure that investment was properly used by the governments who received it.

Changing finances of developing countries



Official development finance has fallen in recent years from \$70 billion (£46 billion) to \$65 billion, while private capital flows have risen rapidly, to more than \$105 billion between 1991 and 1994...

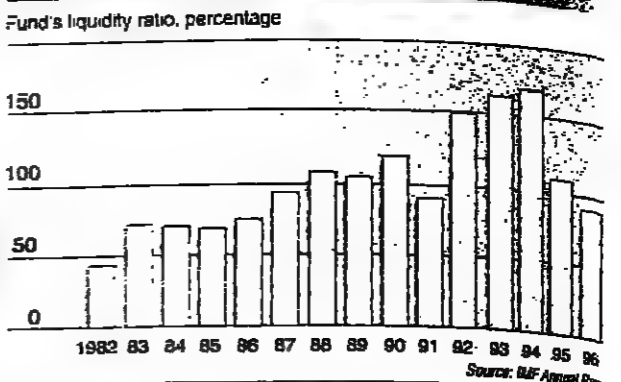
have suffered because western countries have realigned funding since the cold war ended. More money is being channelled into eastern and central Europe. If the decline in aid were being matched by productive private capital in- flows we wouldn't be so worried, but it isn't.

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Uganda stands to be first to gain from debt largesse

UGANDA is expected to be the first country to benefit from the World Bank/IMF debt reduction scheme if it is approved by finance ministers, writes Alex Brummer. There is still some uncertainty, because of the opposition of countries including Germany, Italy and the Nordic states to gold sales designed to help finance the IMF contribution to the plan.

IMF's liquidity



IMF seeks to double capital after rise in crisis lending

THE International Monetary Fund is to ask shareholders for a large increase in its capital base after a sharp deterioration in the Fund's cash position. Michel Camdessus, the managing director, has indicated that he would like to see the Fund's quotas - the equivalent of its capital base - doubled from the current \$210 billion (£135 billion).

The IMF's annual report, released last night, shows that the Fund's liquidity has tumbled to the lowest levels since 1987 because of the pressure put on its resources by the 1995 Mexican crisis and lending to support the Veltsin administration in Russia. Moscow was the biggest borrower from the Fund in the last financial year, using up \$5.5 billion of Fund quotas or resources.

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BENCHMARKS OF DESPAIR AS BRITISH HOPES ARE SHOT DOWN OVER EUROPE



Misery lines... opening defeats in the Champions League spread gloom in the dug-outs of Manchester United, left, and Rangers



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United's broken English

David Lacey on how Alex Ferguson's callow side lost their way against Juve

S O FAR, so ordinary. For Manchester United, in the Champions League, little has changed. Alex Ferguson's team are still chasing a game they barely recognise...

Italian side, Parma, in the final. It was not pretty to watch, as Graham was the first to admit, but no one could doubt its effectiveness... Alan Smith held the ball up from while those behind him closed down space when possession was lost...

Rangers pale in tale of the unexpected

Patrick Glenn sees Walter Smith's team caught on the hop of excessive adventure

ON returning from Zurich yesterday Rangers fans could well have been telling families and friends tales scary enough to cause the elders to shoo the children to their bedrooms... Except for some typically heroic goalkeeping from Andy Gorm, they could well have been saying...

European match afterwards — they may be expected to face similar difficulties now... Claims by the Grasshopper coach Christian Gross that Rangers were shamefully complacent were an exaggeration. They were certainly confident but Smith insisted he had been at pains to point out to his team the threat the Swiss would carry...

Waddle in Falkirk move

Patrick Glenn THE last time Falkirk was in such a stew Bon-Wade's Prince Charming had his rebel army on the edge of town, defeating government forces on the Jacobite march to the south... Now, 250 years on, an English invader is likely once again to bring disruption...

That Waddle's first sensation on encountering Brockville Park will be culture shock. Hopefully run down, the old stadium has been condemned... There was nothing wrong with the theory of Ferguson's approach. Two years ago, under George Graham, Arsenal won the Cup Winners' Cup with similar tactics...

McGrath set for Coventry

Peter White PAUL McGRATH, the veteran Republic of Ireland international defender, has been told he can leave Aston Villa, Coventry City's manager Ron Atkinson, who is looking for an experienced defender to bolt the alarming number of goals his side have conceded, is expected to bid around £200,000... McGrath will be 37 this year but believes he is capable of playing this season and next...

Sports Politics

CCPR to sue Lawson

John Duncan on the latest twist in the sports body's tale of financial woe... PETER LAWSON, until his sacking last November one of the most powerful men in British sport, is being sued for alleged embezzlement of a "six-figure sum" by his former employers, the Central Council of Physical Recreation... "It is correct that High Court proceedings have been commenced by the CCPR and the British Sports Trust against Peter Lawson and others," said Robert Pettigrew...

Results section containing scores and names for various sports including Soccer (European Cup), Golf (English Open), Tennis (Bourneourn), and Cycling.

Soccer section with national league results, fixtures, and news snippets regarding teams like Liverpool, Manchester United, and Rangers.

Rugby League section featuring news about Daryl Powell, Larder's call for support, and fixture lists for various leagues.

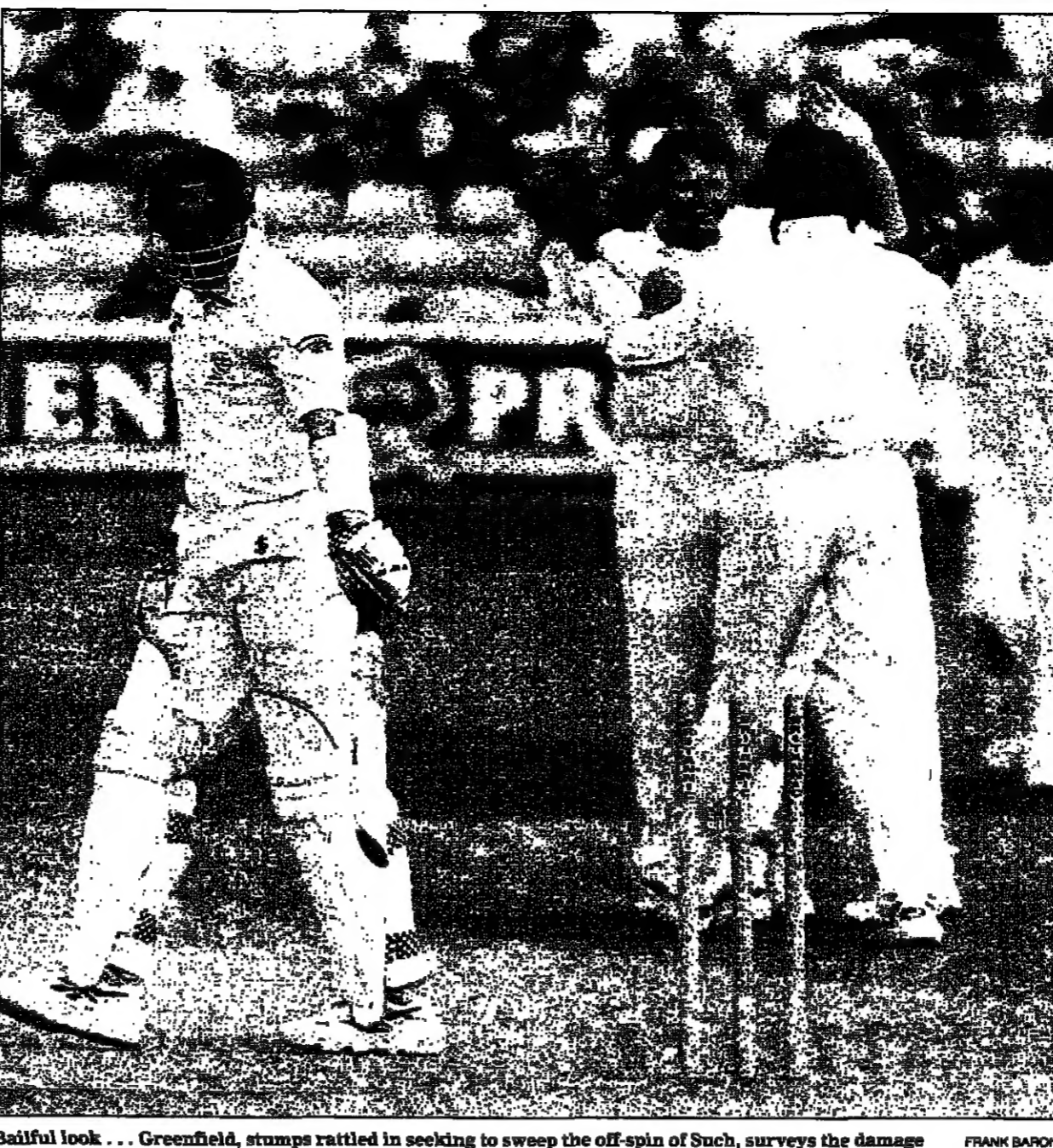
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Cricket
County Championship: Essex v Sussex
Essex cop it off Salisbury

Paul Weaver at Chelmsford
IT HAS been a bad couple of weeks for Ian Salisbury. He bowled so poorly during the Oval Test that he was dropped from the England tour...



Baifull look... Greenfield, stumps rattled in seeking to sweep the off-spin of Such, surveys the damage

Durham v Leicestershire
Durham rock bottom as Simmons tops up

David Hoppe at Chester-le-Street
DURHAM have endured many humiliations in their first-class county but few will have cast their shadow so widely. Any pretence harboured by Leicestershire's championship rivals that the leaders might stumble when last expected was soon abandoned as Durham could summon up only a meagre 50...

Kent inflict Long suffering on young Hants

KENT kept up their pursuit of the championship leaders yesterday, punishing Hampshire for their use of child labour. Nigel Long struck 105 net as they made 376 for four at Canterbury.

Derbyshire v Warwickshire
Kismet brings down Cork

DOMINIC CORK has almost certainly bowled his last ball this season just when Derbyshire need one final effort. The England bowler was hit on the left shoulder by Dougie Brown early in his innings of 29 at the Racecourse Ground yesterday and, after struggling in the field later on, was taken to the Royal Infirmary for an X-ray, which revealed a hairline crack to the top of his humerus.

Scoreboard
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Durham v Leicestershire
Essex v Sussex

Essex v Sussex
Essex 301 (50 overs)
Sussex 242 (48 overs)

Derbyshire v Warwickshire
Derbyshire 376 (50 overs)
Warwickshire 187 (48 overs)

Kent v Hampshire
Kent 376 (50 overs)
Hampshire 187 (48 overs)

Glamorgan v Surrey
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Golf
Montgomery a top draw as Faldo falters

COLIN MONTGOMERIE stood on the 2nd tee here yesterday and hit a drive that curved perfectly into the ideal position. "Good heavens," said his playing partner and Ryder Cup teammate Per-Ulrik Johansson. "What was that, a wedge? That must have been an accident." Montgomery smiled. "I can do that on purpose these days," said the man whose high fade has been his signature shot all these years.

Sport in brief
Table Tennis
Equestrianism
Cycling

Table Tennis
Grove, one of Britain's most successful clubs, have been hit by a financial crisis and withdrawal of their teams from the European Cup.
Equestrianism
The Horse of the Year Show at Wembley from October 22 to November 6, seeking to broaden its appeal after a decline in popularity, will embrace several new features, notably displays of precision dressage to music by the French Cadre Noir Riding School, who are making their first appearance in Britain for 15 years.
Cycling
Fabio Baldato of Italy won the 210km sixth stage of the Tour of Spain from Almeria to take the overall lead from Laurent Jalabert of France.

Advertisement for The Observer newspaper. Text: "It's not just the winning, it's the analysis that counts. The Sunday sports section with the most intelligent coverage. The Observer"

Large vertical advertisement on the left side of the page. Text: "The Guardian", "Rugby Union", "England double player money", "taled", "Lawson", "for British".

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Rangers in tale of the unexpected, page 14  
Essex cop it off Salisbury, page 15

# SportsGuardian

## BJORNEBYE SNATCHES WINNER WITH VALUABLE AWAY GOAL

European Cup Winners' Cup, first round, first leg: MyPa-47 0, Liverpool 1

# Reds struggle into the black

**P**ERHAPS it is true that there are no easy games left in the European arena. English clubs are making hard work of seemingly straightforward tasks at present but, as any self-respecting manager will say, a win is a win.

Having succeeded in scoring in a European tie for the first time in four games, Liverpool will presumably move into the next round at a canter, which will probably erase the memory of this less than distinguished performance.

The hunting had been put up early in this small town in the forestlands of southern Finland. Last season PSV Eindhoven had visited in the UEFA Cup but this was the big time. Liverpool had arrived and by introspective Finnish standards the carnival was in full flow. It was a shame it was to prove such a disappointing experience.

The Saviniemi Stadium, with its one rickety stand and its makeshift terracing, was of course, full. Liverpool's standing in Scandinavia is such that all 5,000 tickets had been disposed of within 19 minutes of the box office rolling up its shutters.

Redknapp, fit for the first time since he limped away from the European Championship finals, went through a vigorous pre-match routine but like successive generations of Liverpool footballers, he is learning to accept that at Anfield possession is nine-tenths of the law in more ways than one. Unimpressive — even dour — though they had been against Southampton last weekend, Liverpool were unchanged.

MyPa attempted to stifle Liverpool by man-marking Fowler, Collymore and the side's heartbeat, McManis. If it was an understandable tactic, it was also an in-



Fowler howler... the young Liverpool striker applies his instep to Mika Viljanen's ankle in Anjalankoski

PHOTOGRAPH: BEN RADFORD

flexible one which dramatically reduced the home team's ability to draw any surprise even resembling a surprise from within a very limited box of tricks.

Had Liverpool struck early, the part-timers of MyPa might have folded in the traditional and prescribed manner. Despite offering a nice line in counter-attacks, they were a stack of unstable building blocks waiting to tumble.

Chances came but, against a defence boasting the butcher, baker and candle-

stick-maker, that was always likely to happen.

Liverpool worked the ball out of defence and forward reasonably well but it was an inability to punch holes in MyPa's back line that so startled those shivering beneath the fir trees.

After Fowler and McAteer had stabbed shots wide Liverpool's best openings began to fall to those least equipped to take advantage of them.

The best chance of what was a tawdry opening half came late on but, even though the goalkeeper Jakonen spilled a Bjornebye corner, Babb was unable to turn the ball in.

The harder Liverpool tried to fashion a breakthrough, the less likely one seemed, which made the events of the 61st minute all the more surprising.

Thirty seconds after Collymore had mystifyingly side-

footed wide from a matter of a few feet Liverpool scored. It was a fine goal. McAteer's first meaningful cross of the evening was only half-cleared and the ball fell to Bjornebye, who swept it in from 16 yards to make memorable his first European appearance at club level.

At last MyPa's resolve began to weaken. As Finnish bodies began to tire, Fowler's delicious lob bounced on the cross-bar and Thomas's sweet drive struck the outside of a post.

But further goals would have served only to flatter Liverpool. They deserved to win but certainly not by a landslide.

MyPa: J. Jakonen; Huttunen, Moore, Viljanen, Koskinen, Mahilo, Pohja, Gronnholm (Jakonen, 74min), Keskiolio (Hansen, 80), Ailon (Kangasniemi, 75), Hermesniemi.

Liverpool: James, McAteer, Wright, Babb, Mathies, Bjornebye, Thomas, Barnes, McManis, Fowler, Collymore.

Referee: G. Orrason (Iceland).

## Job creation scheme puts George in work



Paul Weaver

**I**T WAS always difficult to imagine George Graham holding out a tin cup beneath Waterloo Bridge, his tattered P45 fluttering under a winter welkin and his face glowing like a Rembrandt after a fistful of Tennent's Extra.

Graham, now one of the world's highest paid mannequins at £350,000 a year, was clearly going to get another job, even though Emporio Armani seemed more likely than Leeds United to come up with a contract.

Graham might be called the beneficiary of a job creation scheme. Howard Wilkinson was sacked. It seems by a minority of bigots on the Eland Road terraces. Wilko and out.

So, if the Leeds chairman Bill Fotherby is always prepared to give them their head, it can be hoped only that he will give them his when they call for it.

It feels good having all this power. Us, Joe Public. It is comforting to know that the next time you hear Favarotti hit a dull note in concert at Hyde Park you have only to give him a few verbals and they will pack him off to cook spaghetti in Italy where he belongs. In no time at all, with this wonderful new franchise-ment, we will have free beer, capital punishment, Gaza for PM and Bofham for King.

On the other hand, Graham's appointment might have a little to do with the fact that he lives in the same fashionable apartment block in Hampstead, north London, as Richard Thompson, the former owner of Queens Park Rangers, who is now a director of Caspian, the group which took control of the Yorkshire club this summer. The former chairman Leslie Silver would have sided by one of football's most respected managers.

The great irony in all this, in case Mr Thompson has forgotten, is that the Arsenal chairman Peter Hill-Wood had asked Leeds if he could invite Wilkinson to clean up his club's tarnished name after Graham's stewardship.

Graham, you will recall, was sacked by Arsenal in February last year after he had been found guilty of taking il-

legal payments, totalling £425,500, from the agent Rune Haug in connection with the transfers from Scandinavia to Highbury of Pal Lydersen and John Jensen.

Highbury and Eland Road now make an interesting comparison. At Arsenal, waiting for Arsene Wenger feels about as profitable as waiting for Godot. The bust of Ericsson Chapman is still there, proud and preening among the people. Somebody should throw a towel over his head to prevent him gazing down on this struggling, managerless club.

They might have been buying and ultimately unsuccessful under Graham but at least they did not ship goals as easily as they did the other night against Borussia Munchengladbach, a moderate side in this year's Bundesliga.

At Leeds, meanwhile, where Wilkinson won the championship only four years ago, having won the old Second Division title in 1990, and followed that with two fifth positions in 1994 and 1995, there is the atmosphere of a proper football club, a thriving youth policy, an impressive stadium, new training facilities, a host of young players.

Now they have Graham, once known as Stroller and then Peacock, the man who should have been told to beware Norwegians bearing gifts.

**B**UT this is not a moralistic, Calvinistic, attack on a manager who took a bung. There are other reasons why he is lucky to get the job at Leeds, not least his lack of humility after bringing shame to a once-proud club and even writing a book about the episode.

Then there is his recent record as a manager. At Highbury he allowed an ageing team to stagnate for over two years. It is a manager's job to compete in the transfer market and towards the end of his career with Arsenal Graham lost that skill, even though he was one of the few people with the money to pursue the best players.

"It is easy to spend money on the wrong players," he always said in his own defence, but it was his job to identify the right players and sign them, and he failed.

Graham also has history against him. Few managers have enjoyed success at more than one club. Chapman, of course, Brian Clough, Kenny Dalglish, Bobby Robson, Alex Ferguson.

Graham looks unlikely to make that list. Self-belief is one thing, egotism another.

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**Oliver Stone creates because he has to — to conquer his own demons, grapple with his outrageous nature.**

Michael Douglas

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**Guardian Crossword No 20,757**  
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**Across**

- 1 Restrain a newlywed, left inside (6)
- 5 US politician seen in protest march about renegade (8)
- 9 Inhabitant of eastern Mediterranean, a debtor who absconds? (8)
- 10 Dish a rascal put before one (6)
- 11 Habitat that is seen in numbers in South-East England (4-8)
- 13 This girl has knocked me over, Mother (4)
- 14 Fine fabric, also used in endless drunken revels (8)
- 17 Society striking and articulating (8)
- 18 Repeated cheers voiced on departure (2-2)
- 20 An underground system, and not the novel course (8,4)
- 23 A time within a period of self-denial? That's not apparent (6)

**Down**

- 2 Artist ensnares male ostrich (4)
- 3 Thin vibrating disc produces, oddly, a dim graph (9)
- 4 Lay to rest some eminent ombudsman (5)
- 5 Head of organisation, absolute or indefinite (9-7)
- 6 Wise man coming round craftily uses dwelling and adjoining lands (8)
- 7 Trade calling for dexterity (5)
- 8 Rise in value you've to estimate (10)
- 12 To improve, I speak after a smashing meal (10)
- 15 Insect, horribly wet 'un, deadly (3-6)

**16** A man's title encompasses me, an actor without words (8)

**19** One c-copper is included in half-pay, a temporary setback (8)

**21** River, one that runs into part of camp (5)

**22** For the coarser part, censorship is about right (4)

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